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Applicants have included a copy of U.S. patent 5,863,225 (counterpart to DE 195 36500); an English Abstract of DE 4312641; and a copy of Utility Model 9201047. All three of these references are discussed in the specification pages 1-2.

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